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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action on the merits of the present application, dated August 17, 2005 (hereinafter "the Office Action"), Applicants respectfully submit the following request for reconsideration in view of the amendments and remarks.

Accompanying this amendment is a request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114. Applicants therefore request entry and consideration of the amendments and remarks.

<u>AMENDMENTS</u>

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.